

2. We are entirely in agreement with your assertion in Reference A that unilateral AECASSOWARY/1 operations of a substantial nature in violation of the KUBARK-SMOTH agreement are out of the question. Even the continuing use of AECASSOWARY/1 collaborators from the UK in contact operations on the continent could eventually lead to crossed wires. AECASSOWARY/35 might be the first case in point. We desire neither embarrassment nor agents with diversified loyalty.

3. In view of the above, Headquarters requests that FOB consider with the London Station the practical aspects of an approach to SMOTH, apprising them in general terms of the AECASSOWARY/1 operational interest in the UK (while disclosing no specifics until agreement has been reached) and attempting to negotiate with them an agreement permitting AECASSOWARY/1 to operate in the UK under KUBARK direction. It is Headquarters' opinion that SMOTH will insist on some form of collaboration, perhaps involving double case-officering. Headquarters would approve such an arrangement as long as it was restricted to the UK. We are of course in favor of the least possible SMOTH involvement that our operational interests require.

4. FYI, KUBARK-AECASSOWARY/1 collaboration has been known to SMOTH since the early HEDSOX period. SMOTH knowledge of AECASSOWARY/29's operations is something else again, but it is assumed that AECASSOWARY/29 can be protected from exposure until solid agreement has been reached. Obviously, if no agreement is possible, he will not be surfaced to SMOTH at all.

5. We should like to take this opportunity also to comment briefly on paragraph 9 of Reference B, which bears on the main subject of this dispatch. Headquarters concedes that there are advantages in exploiting leads first which lie close to Frankfurt. On the other hand, Headquarters desires to employ AECASSOWARY/1 to the best operational advantage throughout the European area. We have no AECASSOWARY/1 means other than AECASSOWARY/29 for developing and working leads outside Germany. We feel sure the Field has no intention of letting good leads outside Germany fall by the wayside, and unless there are indications that in Germany there are enough good leads to justify limiting AECASSOWARY/29's operational activity to that area, we should like him to be used flexibly in other parts of Europe.

6. The Field has referred to Headquarters' directed assignments for AECASSOWARY/29. While Headquarters retains its over-all responsibility for direction of Project AERODYNAMIC, we recognize that in the European area with AECASSOWARY/29 at hand, the Field is in the best position to balance off the merits of one operational lead against another. We should therefore welcome prompt recommendations by FOB regarding the desirability of AECASSOWARY/29's pursuit of any particular leads outside Germany. Correspondingly, Headquarters will advise you promptly of viable leads outside Germany which come to Headquarters attention and which we feel warrant pursuit by AECASSOWARY/29.

7. If it is indicated that the AERODYNAMIC operational potential in Europe is more than one man can handle, either as a result of the action recommended in this dispatch or for other reasons, it is time to consider the training and dispatching of a second PA, perhaps subordinated to AECASSOWARY/29.

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